

**GS-701****Veterinary Medical Science Series****GS-701**

*This is an individual qualification standard.*

**Basic Requirements:**

*Degree:* Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or equivalent degree at a school approved or accredited by (a) the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), (b) a State department of education, or (c) a State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

Graduates of foreign veterinary medical schools who do not meet the requirements specified above must furnish proof of (a) graduation from a veterinary medical school, (b) comprehension of and ability to communicate in the English language, *and* (c) passage of the written examination in veterinary medicine of the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates or the U.S. National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. Proof of English language proficiency may be met by (1) achieving a total score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language of at least 550 with a listening comprehension score of at least 60 points, (2) earning an advanced degree (i.e., an M.S. or Ph.D.) at a U.S. college or university, or (3) graduating from a U.S. or Canadian English-speaking high school. The following are exceptions to these requirements:

- Veterinarians who qualified between 1965 and 1972, who hold certificates under the program of the Educational Commission for Foreign Graduates.
- Veterinarians who are graduates of foreign veterinary colleges that were included on the September 1, 1963, list entitled, "Foreign Veterinary Colleges Evaluated by the Council on Education, American Veterinary Medical Association," and who entered the United States or Canada and qualified as eligible for private practice or Federal employment on or before December 31, 1972.

Applicants who meet the basic requirements qualify for GS-9 positions.

**Additional Requirements for Grades GS-11 and Above:****EXPERIENCE**

*For GS-11:* One year of progressively responsible professional veterinary experience that shows demonstrated ability to perform independently veterinary medical duties or shows demonstrated aptitude or ability to perform research. GS-5 and GS-7 pre-doctoral student trainee work may be credited up to a maximum of 6 months towards the 1 year experience requirement.

*For GS-12 and above:* One year of progressively responsible professional veterinary experience equivalent to at least the next lower grade level.

OR

**EDUCATION**

Successful completion of graduate study, *in addition to the D.V.M. degree*, in an accredited college or university, in a field of veterinary or related science (e.g., microbiology, parasitology, pathology, immunology, or other specialty) may be qualifying, as follows:

*For GS-11:* Master's degree.

*For GS-12:* For research positions only, all requirements for a Ph.D. degree, including the dissertation.

*Superior Academic Ability:* Applicants may be rated eligible for GS-11 if, in the judgment of the appropriate faculty member(s), all the requirements completed within the last 2 years of the accredited D.V.M. program placed them in the upper quarter of the graduating class.



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*Evaluation of Education and Experience:* At GS-12 and above, the quality of applicants' experience or education may be indicated by their membership in, and medical presentations before, professional organizations, medical reports in technical publications, participation in seminars and study groups, or other related activities that contribute to the advancement of veterinary medical science. Certification by any medical specialty board recognized by the AVMA is a positive indicator of an applicant's ability to perform work in a specialty area.

**GS-704**

**Animal Health Technician Series**

**GS-704**

*Use these individual occupational requirements in conjunction with the "Group Coverage Qualification Standard for Technical and Medical Support Positions."*

*Specialized Experience (for positions at GS-4 and above):* Examples of qualifying specialized experience include work:

- As a laborer, manager, or owner of a livestock ranch or farm involving direct work with livestock.
- With livestock in a feed lot.
- As a Livestock Market Inspector.
- As an Animal Welfare Inspector.
- As an assistant to a veterinarian who works with livestock.

OR

*Education and Training:*

*For GS-3:* Successful completion of 1 year of study that included at least 6 semester hours of courses in zoology, biology, chemistry, or agricultural subjects.

*For GS-4:* Successful completion of 2 years of study that included at least 12 semester hours of courses in fields such as those shown above for GS-3.

*For GS-5:* Successful completion of a full 4-year course of study leading to a bachelor's degree with major study or at least 24 semester hours of courses such as those shown above for GS-3.

**GS-799**

**Veterinary Student Trainee Series**

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*Use the "Group Coverage Qualification Standard for Competitive Service Student Trainee Positions," as appropriate to the appointing authority used.*